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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.D. 20231 ATTENTION LICENSING AND REVIEW

Declaration of James A. O'Malley

I, James A. O'Malley, do hereby declare as follows:

- I am a registered United States patent attorney, Registration Number 45,952, and 1. an associate in the firm of Trexler, Bushnell, Giangiorgi, Blackstone & Marr, Ltd., 105 W. Adams Street, Suite 3600, Chicago, Illinois 60603.
- 2. On January 5, 2001, our firm filed a United States Provisional Patent Application with the United States Patent and Trademark Office for an invention entitled "Improved Hydraulic Punch Driver", which was assigned Serial No. 60/259,947.
- On November 13, 2001, our firm filed a United States Patent Application with the United States Patent and Trademark Office for an invention entitled "Hydraulic Punch Driver" (Serial No. unknown), which claimed priority from the United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/259,947.
- 4. On December 7, 2001, our firm received instructions from Mr. Steve Wehrle, Risk Manager of Greenlee Textron Inc. (the employer of the inventors), requesting that a German patent application be filed for this invention.
- On December 10, 2001, our firm sent a letter to our German associates, Eisenfuhr, Speiser & Partner, requesting that they file a German patent application for this invention before January 5, 2002 (the one year bar date), but requested that they delay the filing of the German patent application until our firm notified them that the Foreign Filing License had been granted. A copy of this letter is attached as Exhibit 1.
- On December 26, 2001, our firm sent a letter to Mr. William S. Field of William S. Field & Associates in which we requested that Mr. Field obtain a Foreign Filing License for this invention (enclosing the appropriate documents therewith) within one week of the date of the letter, as our firm had yet to receive a filing receipt license indicating that a foreign filing license was granted. A copy of this letter is attached as Exhibit 2.
- On January 2, 2002, Mr. Field called our firm to inform us that the Foreign Filing License for this invention should be granted no later than January 4, 2002.

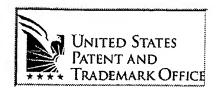
- On January 2, 2002, our firm sent a letter to our German associates requesting that the German patent application be filed on January 4, 2002 as the Foreign Filing License should be granted by that date. A copy of this letter is attached as Exhibit 3.
- On January 3, 2002, our German associates sent a letter to us indicating safe receipt of our letters dated December 10, 2001 and January 2, 2002 and confirming that a German patent application would be filed before January 5, 2002. A copy of this letter is attached as Exhibit 4.
- 10. On January 3, 2002, Mr. Field sent us a copy of a Foreign Filing License for this invention which was granted on January 3, 2002 and was assigned Serial No. P-105,234 and License No. 528,071. A copy of the Foreign Filing License is attached as Exhibit 5.
- On January 31, 2002, our firm received a letter from our German associates (dated January 23, 2002) indicating that the German application was filed with the German Patent Office on December 28, 2001 and was assigned Serial No. 101 64 376.4. A copy of this letter is attached as Exhibit 6.
- 12. On February 7, 2002, our firm sent a letter to our German associates regarding the filing date of the German patent application as we requested the German application to be filed on January 4, 2002, but the application was filed on December 28, 2001. A copy of this letter is attached as Exhibit 7.
- 13. On February 13, 2002, our firm sent a reminder letter to our German associates regarding the filing date of the German patent application. A copy of this letter is attached as Exhibit 8.
- 14. On February 14, 2002, I received a telephone call from Mr. Jürgen Klinghardt, one of our German associates, in which he stated that a younger member of his firm had accidentally filed the German patent application on December 28, 2001 (six (6) days prior to the granting of the foreign filing license), rather than waiting to file the German patent application until he received our explicit instructions to do so.
- Upon realizing that the German patent application was filed in violation of 35 15. U.S.C. §184, I prepared the instant Petition for Retroactive License and this Declaration.
- The patent application filed in Germany on December 28, 2001 is virtually 16. identical to the United States patent application filed on November 13, 2001.
- 17. I confirm that the subject matter in question was not under a secrecy order at the time it was filed abroad, and that it is not currently under a secrecy order.

- 18. This license is being diligently sought after discovery of the proscribed foreign filing.
- 19. This material was filed abroad through error and without deceptive intent without the required license under §5.11 first having been obtained.
- 20. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own personal knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and further that these statements were with knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-referenced application or any patent issuing thereon.

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To:

Applicant of Serial Number 10074535

We project that this application will be first examined in 3 to 6 months from today.

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OF COUNSEL RICHARD BUSHNELL <u>VIA FACSIMILE, CONFIRMATION AND</u> ENCLOSURES VIA DHL

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Re:

Proposed German Patent Application

CLAIMING PRIORITY OF

United States Provisional Patent Application

Serial Nos. 60/259,947; and formal

Patent Application Serial No. (Not yet available)

For: "HYDRAULIC PUNCH DRIVER"

Our Ref: Greenlee Case 283-Germany (913/39742)

Dear Sirs:

We enclose herewith material to file a Patent Application in Germany <u>before</u>

<u>January 5, 2002</u>. Full particulars concerning the Applicant, etc., are set forth on the attached sheet of particulars. We will advise you of the <u>serial number of the formal patent application</u> filed on November 13, 2001 as soon as it is available to us.

Enclosed please find the following:

- 1) Specification 16 pages
- 2) Claims six pages 22 claims
- 3) Abstract one page
- 4) A copy of the informal drawingssix sheets, 6 FIGS.

We will forward under separate cover the Certified Copies of the United States Provisional and formal applications and the formal drawings.

Eisenfuhr, Speiser & Partner December 10, 2001 Page 2

NOTE: Please delay filing this patent application until we notify you that the Foreign Filing License has been granted.

Kindly acknowledge safe receipt of these instructions by return facsimile.

Please advise if you need anything further from us to comply with the filing requirements.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

TREXLER, BUSHNELL, GIANGIORGI, BLACKSTONE & MARR, LTD.

By

Linda L. Palomar

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UNITED STATES PROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION

SERIAL NO. 60/259,947 Filed: January 5, 2001

UNITED STATES FORMAL PATENT APPLICATION

SERIAL NO. Not available yet Filed: November 13, 2001

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Greenlee Textron Inc.

United States Patent Application

Based Upon U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/259,947, filed on January 5, 2001

For: HYDRAULIC PUNCH DRIVER Our Ref.: Greenlee Case 283 (913/38954)

Dear Bill:

For the above-identified patent application, please find enclosed:

- 1. An original and a copy of a Petition for Expedited Foreign Filing License;
- 2. Two copies of the patent application which we filed on November 13, 2001, including six (6) sheets of informal drawings;
- 3. A copy of an executed Declaration;
- 4. A copy of an executed Assignment from the inventor to Greenlee Textron Inc.; and
- 3. A check for \$130.00 for the Petition fee.

Please proceed with obtaining the Foreign Filing License for this application and return it to our office, along with one copy of items (1) and (2). We need to have the foreign filing license within one (1) week of the date of this letter. We would also like to have a copy of the foreign filing license faxed to (312) 704-8023 to my attention when you receive it.

Mr. William S. Field . William S. Field & Associates December 26, 2001 Page 2

If you have any questions, please contact us at your convenience.

Sincerely,

TREXLER, BUSHNELL, GIANGIORGI, BLACKSTONE & MARR, LTD.

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JAO:74831-1 Enclosures

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Our Ref.: Greenlee Case 283-Germany (913/39742)

Dear Sirs:

Further to our letter dated December 10, 2001, please proceed with filing the above-identified patent application on <u>January 4, 2002</u>. The foreign filing license for this application should be granted by January 4, 2002 (but even if it is not granted, you are to file on January 4, 2002).

Please note that the formal United States patent application has not yet been assigned a Serial Number. We will forward this information to you once we receive it from the United States Patent and Trademark Office. If the Serial Number is necessary for the filing of the German patent application, please base the priority only on the United States provisional patent application Serial No. 60/258,947.

Kindly acknowledge safe receipt of these instructions by <u>return facsimile</u>.

Please advise if you need anything further from us to comply with the filing requirements.

Eisenfuhr, Speiser & Partner January 2, 2002 Page 2

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

TREXLER, BUSHNELL, GIANGIORGI, BLACKSTONE & MARR, LTD.

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Greenlee Textron Inc.
New German patent application
Hydraulic punch driver

Dear Ms. Palomar.

We confirm safe receipt of your letters dated December 10. 2001 and January 2, 2002 and confirm that the German patent application will be filed before January 5, 2002.

As regards the priority data of the United States provisional patent application please advise, whether the serial number 60/259,947 or 60/258,947 is correct. We have noted that the data provided in your two above referenced letters differs.

The serial number of the formal US application can be submitted to the German Patent and Trademark Office later. Please provide this serial number at your earliest convenience.

We will keep you informed on the further development of this filing.

Very truly yours, Eisenführ, Speiser & Partner

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Greenlee Textron Inc. German patent application 101 64 376.4 Hydraulic punch driver

Dear Ms. Palomar,

Thanking you for this order we would like to advise that the above mentioned application has now been filed in the German Patent and Trademark Office in foreign language. According to German Patent Law we will prepare and file a German translation until 28 March 2002 and report thereon upon filing.

Please, note all data regarding this case from the enclosed filing receipt and LIST OF PARTICULARS.

In the absence of respective instructions we have not yet requested examination of this application. The final term for filing the request for examination expires on 28 December 🖊 2008.

> Very truly yours, Eisenführ, Speiser & Partner

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OUR FILE: G 588

APPLICATION FOR: patent application

COUNTRY: Germany

SERIAL NUMBER: 101 64 376.4

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TITLE: Hydraulischer Schlagantrieb

PRIORITIES: 05.01.2001 - 60/259,947 - US

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Thus, based on the correspondence described above, we do not understand why your letter dated 23 January 2002 states that the filing date for the German patent application is 28 December 2001, as the application should have been filed on 4 January 2002. Please explain.

Sincerely,

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February 13, 2002

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Thank you for your letter dated 23 January 2002 regarding the above-identified German patent application. There is, however, some confusion as to the filing date of the German patent application.

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Thus, based on the correspondence described above, we do not understand why your letter dated 23 January 2002 states that the filing date for the German patent application is 28 December 2001, as the application should have been filed on 4 January 2002. Please explain.

Sincerely,

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